

SĂRBĂTOAREA PARILIA ÎN IZVOARELE LITERARE ANTICE

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Summary: *Parilia presented in the writings of the ancient authors*

Parilia was an ancient pastoral holiday praised to the Roman goddess Pales. The name of the holiday came from this goddess and also the Palatin hill was name after her. The Palatin hill was one of the seventh hills of Rome. The Romans were at the origins a shepherds people and they associated to the holiday the foundation of the city of Rome.

The most important writings which describe this holiday are: Fasti of Ovidius, Anale of Tacitus and Historia Naturalis of Plinius the Ancient. The main habits of this holiday are: the purification of the flocks and of the shepherds by sprinkle with water and the passing through the purification smoke from the fires lightened near the flocks; decoration of the houses with green branches; religious processions of the priests and of the people; chasing away of the evil spirits by making noise in the holiday's night.

Based on the researches it shows the Roman's habits which are presented detailed. Plinius the Ancient gives important arguments about the shepherd and agrarian vocation of the Romans, demonstrating that the main names of the Roman families have the roots in the names of occupations or agrarian objects.

Ovidius catches the habits related to the holiday, presenting the religious processions, and the ritual practices of purification of the people and animals. Tacitus with his original style presents the Romans activities which took place in the night of the holiday, showing the main methods of chasing away the evil spirits.

Propertius, Tibullus and Vergilius also give information about the holiday, the last author makes for the goddess Pales the first poem presented in his work Giorgicele , named The tillage.

By the virtue of these authors, we can form an image regarding the goddess Pales and her holiday(Parilia) and the importance of them for the Romans, whom at the origins were a shepherds people.

These habits will were taken by the Romanian people, habits which will take place on the Sf. Gheorghe holiday. In this dissertation I tried to present the main habits of the Romans which took place on Parilia holiday, by making a parallel between the Roman holiday and the Romanian holiday.